7. Shri Sudhir Joshi, Minister for School Education Maharashtra.

8. Shri Mukesh Naik, Minister of School Education, Madhya Pradesh.

9. Shri Ram Bilas Sharma, Education Minister, Haryana.

10. Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, Education Minister, Rajasthan.

11. Shri Jai-Dev Jena, Minister for School & Mass Education, Orissa.

12. Ksh. Irabot Singh, Education Minister, Manipur.

13. Shri B. Durga Prasada Rao, Minister for Primary & Secondary Education, Andhra Pradesh.

14. Smt. Chitra Naik, Member, Planning Commission.

15. Shri A. Mohandas Moses, Advisor, Jammu & Kashmir.

16. Shri Abhimanyu Singh, Joint Secretary (EE) Department of Education (Ministry of Human Resource Development) Member - Secretary.

Special Invitees

17. Law Secretary or his nominee not below the rank of Joint Secretary.

18. Dr. R.V. Vaidhyanatha Ayyar, Additional Secretary.

19. Shri R.S. Pandey, Joint Secretary (DPEP).

20. Shri S. Satyamoorthy, Financial Adviser, MHRD.

2. The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows :-

(i) to examine and consider the legal, academic, administrative and financial implications of the proposal to amend the Constitution to make the right to free and compulsory education a fundamental right;

(ii) to suggest suitable statutory measures to enforce this fundamental right;

(iii) to suggest guidelines indicating facilities, which if not provided, would be justiciable.

3. The Chairman of the Committee will have powers to coopt members and to set up sub-committees to assist it in its task;

4. The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of two months from the date of its first meeting;

5. E.E. Bureau would provide necessary secretariat assistance for the Committee's work.

6. The non-official members coopted members or members of sub-committees will be entitled to travel and daily allowance as per Government of India rules.

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1. Members of the Committee.

2. Education Secretaries of All States & Union Territories.

3. Directors of Education of all States & Union Territories.

4. I.F.D./E-I/PPS to ES.

5. Education Secretary, Government of India.

[English]

Pak's Stealing of Technology from U.K.

2458. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan is plotting to steal technology from U.K. for its nuclear programme;

(b) whether this matter has been reported in the press;

(c) if so, whether this report has been confirmed by U.K.;

(d) whether this has posed a great threat to India; and

(e) if so, the measures taken by Indian Government to meet the threat?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (e). Government are aware that a Pakistani official was deported from UK in early 1996 for attempting to procure sensitive equipment intended for Pakistan's clandstine nuclear weapon programme. The implications of Pakistan's programme are periodically assessed and evaluated. Government of India is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard its security and national interest in accordance with its own threat perception.

[Translation]

Post Lying Vacant in Homoeopathic College in U.P.

2459. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that, all the State Homoeopathic Medical Colleges in

Uttar Pradesh are manned by the part-time teachers, that their condition has become pathetic after the Government took over the control of their administration and the part-time teachers are not being regularised whereas there are large number of vacancies of full time teachers; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). The Homoeopathic education in the country is regulated through the Central Council for Homoeopathy, a statutory body under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. This Council makes regular inspections of Homoeopathy medical institutions in the country so as to see whether the various regulations/ facilities as provided under the CCH Act are being provided by the Homoeopathic Medical Colleges. As per the report of the Council various Homoeopathic colleges in Uttar Pradesh are not functioning properly as per the standard laid down by the Council due to various reasons such as lack of - qualified teaching faculty/para medical staff; separate teaching departments; insufficient space for laboratories; clinical equipments; non-availability of attached hospitals etc. The Council from time to time has sent the deficiencies noticed by them in various colleges in Uttar Pradesh to the concerned authorities for taking remedial measures.

[English]

Use of Pesticides

2460. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study regarding the adverse effects of the use of pesticides in the production of foodgrains, vegetables, fruits and other food stuffs on the genetic structure of the people;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to undertake such a study so as to safeguard the people against genetic disorders in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). Several studies conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) suggest that exposure to high dose of certain pesticides in the form of residues in food, air and water or chronic exposure as in the case of pesticide factory workers and pest control workers may have adverse effects on health including genotoxic effects. The import, manufacture, distribution and use of pesticides is regulated under the Insecticides Act 1968 for preventing risks to human beings, animals and the environment.

Investment by Private Sector

2461. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the total investment made by Private Sector in the projects offered by Surface Transport Ministry after liberalised policy;

(b) the projects relating to roads, bridges and ports offered to Private Sector; and

(c) the details of projects for which the work has already started?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). The projects approved in the Road and Port Sector are expected to bring an investment of Rs. 51 crores and Rs. 2,500 crores respectively from the Private Sector. The projects of the roads relate to By-passes and Rail-Over Bridge and in the Port Sector construction/creation of additional assets like container terminals, berths, warehousing facilities, storage facilities, tank farms, cranage/handling equipment, dry docking and shiprepair facilities and setting up of captive power plants besides leasing of existing assets provided it results in augmentation of existing capacity or substantial investment.

(c) Projects approved in Road and Port Sector are at various stages of implementation.

Development of Water Resources

2462. SHRI VIJAY PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have constituted a commission to prepare an integrated plan for development of water resources;

(b) if so, the composition and the terms of reference thereof; and

(c) the time by which the commission is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) The Commission is likely to submit its report in 2 years time.

STATEMENT

1. This Ministry has set up a National Commission for Integrated Water Resources Development Plan with the following composition :

1. Shri C.H. Hanumantha Rao — Chairman
   Ex-Member,
   Planning Commission